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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 1, 2, 5, 6 & 8

Part B for May 1915

SUBJECT

Forwards for needful action copy of letter from the Presidency, Bangalore City Judl Cl to the District Magistrate, Bangalore, with enclosures, forbidding a meeting adopted by the Labour Association for the disposal of matters regarding labour conditions, a Committee Member drawing his attention to the likelihood of its becoming a gathering hostile to the Govt.

Papers filed

G.P.S.—10,000—28-8-15

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
(Municipal)

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File No 231-14

FILE HEADING
Nuisance from the Tannery and Distillery effluents to the Bangalore City

From
The President, Bangalore City Municipal Council

No 269 Dated 5 3 1915 Received 8 3 1915

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER
Forwards for needful action copy of his letter to the Deputy Magistrate, Bangalore, bringing to his notice a method recently adopted by the Tannery authorities for the disposal of their refuse liquid, viz irrigating a Casuarina plantation & drawing his attention to the likelihood of it becoming a grave nuisance to the City

NOTES AND ORDERS

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2) Submitted. The Dy. Comr. has already brought this matter to the notice of the Govt. As the new method of disposing of the Tannery effluent adopted by the Tannery authorities is still in [illegible]

NOTES—First Sheet

GPB—20,000—8-8-14

No. 4433
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Office of the Sanitary Commissioner
with the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore dated the 23rd March 1915.

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From

M. Srinivasa Rau Esq ,
Deputy Sanitary Commissioner
with the Government of His Highness
the Maharajah of Mysore, Bangalore

To

R a o B a h a d u r
T V Arumugum Mudaliar Esq.,
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Government of His Highness the
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it would be better that a Committee consisting of the President of the Municipal Council, the Health Officer, Bangalore City, myself and an independant person residing in Chamarajapet and who is affected by the stench is formed and that at the time that the stench is perceived or as early as possible afterwards, the members of the Committee should try to locate the exact source of the stench. It is very desirable that the members should set about the enquiry free from all prepossessions or prejudices and arrive at the truth. It is only when the source of nuisance is identified beyond all doubt that any remedial measures can be suggested.

The whole file is returned.

I have the honor to be,
S i r ,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Sanitary Commissioner.

P.M.

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2	From the Deputy Commr, Bangalore dt No S.1729 dated 8th Sept stating that the manager of the Tannery has been written to, to take steps for abating the nuisance within a month on pain of being criminally prosecuted & that further progress would be duly communicated
	The papers of the case have been forwarded confidentially to the Secretary Commr on the 15th Sept 1915 & their return may be awaited a reminder being sent on the 30th inst if they are not received back in the meanwhile
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The Sanitary Commissioner may I think be requested to give his own opinion. The Dy Sanitary Commissioner is apparently of opinion that as far as he is able to judge that the present arrangement of discharging the refuse into a land on which casuarina grows has greatly reduced the disagreeable smell the file may now be returned to him in connection with the letter dt 29/3/15

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If forwarded to the Sanitary Comr Mo for favour of his own opinion in the matter

"By order"

Asst Secretary

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92 I inspected the plantation referred to on the 18th Instant. There was no offensive odour of any kind perceptible at the time of inspection and I am inclined to believe that for the present, at any rate, the utilisation of the refuse for irrigating the plantation constitutes an effective method of disposal of the tannery waste The one condition however, necessary to ensure a uniform success in the results is that the ground is not at any time allowed to become water-logged I cannot say with any degree of certainty just now whether the same success in the results is attainable during the rainy season

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Sanitary Commissioner

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Serial No 5

13 Letter No 308 dated the 16th April 1915 from the President, Bangalore City Munb. Council

In Continuation of ab:1, submits a Copy of his letter to the Dy. Comr and Distt Magistrate stating that the Tannery authorities may be permitted to Continue the existing mode of disposal of their refuse until the same is found from further experience to be objectionable to public health

14 The Dy. Secr? Comr who paid a surprise visit to the Tannery on the 20th Inst. the Law? Comr who inspected the Tannery plantation on the 18th Instt and the Munb. President who also inspected the method of disposal of the Tannery flows in Company with the Health Officer are all of opinion that the irrigation of the Cocoanut plants when with the Tannery effluent has not developed into a nuisance.

15 The directors of the Tannery recently recorded a Resolution setting forth their position of the Case and suggesting the formation of a Committee, if need be, to go into the Question fully. The papers

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Serial No

Connected with that Resolution were submitted to the Dewan on the 10th Instt. In view of the unanimous opinion of the aforesaid Offices, no further action seems necessary for the present

If approved, this file may be submitted to the Dewan in Continuation

28/4/15 I agree that no further action should be taken until the new method of disposal is actually found to be a nuisance. Not so, I believe, my recommendation in the other file

Dr Sec 4/

Hm 28/4

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may be filed after perusal

2nd humble Dewan

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(Vide linked file for further progress)

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Serial No 1

Letter No S 672 dated the 24th April 1914 from the Dy. Comr., Bangalore Distt forwards in Continuation a copy of letter received from the Munb. President stating that he inspected the tannery and that he is of opinion that the Tannery may be permitted to continue the existing mode of disposal of their refuse until the same is found from further experience to be objectionable to public health.

A Copy of this letter was received from the Munb. President also and all the files on the subjects are with the Secty for being placed before the Council final orders in the matter may therefore be awaited

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File has just been received back

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Serial No 8

Letter No 2500 dated the 8th May 1915 from the Secy. E C Conference, forwards copy of letter from the Secy, Industries and Commerce Committee forwarding copy of Resn of the Committee recommending that the Tannery on the Mysore Road may be allowed to pay the balance of Rs 5000 due from them towards the cost of the pipe line put down for Conveying the tannery refuse in five annual instalments of Rs 1000 each

Subs- A Committee has since been appointed by Govt to report on the efficacy and sufficiency of the arrangements made by the Tannery Co for abating the nuisance arising from the tannery refuse. Next Committee's report may, it is subd, be awaited.

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No 269

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
BANGALORE CITY, DATED 5th March 1915

FROM

DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA
K P PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQ,
Honorary President, Municipal Council,
Bangalore City

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore

SIR,

With reference to your letter No 6712/Ml 533-13-21 dated 27th February 1915 communicating to me what steps Government contemplated taking with the view of doing away with the nuisance arising from the Tannery and Distillery effluents getting access to the Vrishabhavati stream, I have the honor to submit herewith for favor of needful action copy of my letter No 2118 dated 5 3 15 addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bangalore District, bringing to his notice a method recently being adopted by the Tannery authorities towards disposing of their refuse liquids, which bids fair before long to become as great a nuisance to the residents of Chamrajpet and other parts of the City as before, directly the prevailing winds begin blowing from South West

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K P Puttanna Chetty

Honorary President

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From

To

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General No.
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Enclosure No.

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Copy of letter No. 2118 dated 5th March 15 from the Honorary President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore to the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bangalore

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I have the honor to bring to your notice a novel method of disposing of the offensive refuse waters from the Mysore Tannery adopted for the past few months, which though not yet forming a grave nuisance to the residents of Bangalore City, is bound to become one within the next few months, if permitted to continue Nearly 4000 gallons of offensive fluid is daily collected in a shallow pit and baled out to the open, where the Tannery authorities have recently formed a Casuarina plantation The liquid is used for irrigating the plants and the nuisance arising from this to the travellers along Mysore Road is very great and the old stench is again beginning to be felt at Chamarajpet specially that the wind has just been veering round

I request that suitable action may kindly be taken at an early date

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Hon President Municipal Council,
Bangalore City.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District

Dated, March 1915

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Rl 231-14-2

From

K Chandy, Esqr, B A,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District

To.

D Narasinga Rao, Esqr., B A, B L,
Offg Secretary to the Government of
Mysore, General and Revenue Departments

Sir,

Referring to your letter No 6500 dated
Rl 333-13-2.
2nd February 1915 and in continuation of this
office letter No 321 dated 8th December 1914 regard-
-ing the abatement of Tannery nuisance, D55 7/- rate
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I have the honor to submit herewith for Tannery
the information of Government copy of
letter No 4135 dated 11-3-15 addressed to
the Manager, Mysore Tannery Limited,
Bangalore, and also copy of docket No 4136
dated 11-3-15 addressed to the Superin-
-tendent of Police, Bangalore District
and to State that further progress

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From The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

To The Secretary to the Govt of Mysore, Genl & Revenue Depts

Dated March 15

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General No 9542

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Enclosure No 2

Submitting copies of certain Communications regarding the abatement of Tannery nuisance and stating that further progress will be duly communicated.

will be duly communicated

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]
Assistant Commissioner
For Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District

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Ento Jnl 231-14-2 (16

Copy of Letter No dated 11-3-15

from the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Bangalore, to the Manager, Mysore Tannery Limited, Bangalore

In continuation of this office No 60 dated 2nd instant forwarding for immediate Compliance Copy of General and Revenue Secretary's letter No 6500 / Jnl 333-13-20 dated 22nd February 1915 regarding the abatement of Tannery nusance, I have the honor to forward herewith for information Copy of letter No 2118 dated the 5th March 1915 from the Honorary President of the City Municipal Council, Bangalore and to State that unless the Tannery takes steps or agrees so to do within one month from the date of receipt of this letter to allay the nuisance satisfactorily, I will be reluctantly compelled to take action under

Section

Section 143 Criminal Procedure Code as already notified

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for Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar Bangalore Dt'

Cantt 231-14-2

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"Copy"

for Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District

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Copy of ~~letter~~ accept No dated 11-3-15

from the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bangalore, to the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore District

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In continuation of this office memo No 2833 dated 8-12-14 and No 59 dated 2-3-1915 regarding the abatement of the Tannery nusance, has the honor to forward herewith for information Copy of letter No of this date to the Manager, Mysore Tannery Limited, and to request that if the Tannery do not take Steps to allay the nusance within the period therein prescribed, prosecution may be launched under Section 291 Indian Penal Code

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"Copy"

for Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District

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No 303 OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Enclosure Que Bangalore City, 16th April 1915

From

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K P PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQ,
Hony President, Municipal Council,
Bangalore City

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments, Bangalore

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 269 dated the 5th March 1915 regarding the new method of disposal of the effluents from the Mysore Tannery, I have the honor to submit herewith, for the information of Government, copy of my letter No. 2469 dated the 16th April 1915 to the address of the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bangalore District on the subject

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K P Puttannachetty

Honorary President.

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From

To

Dated

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General No.
No

Enclosure No

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Copy of letter No. 2469 dated the 16th April 1915 from the Honorary President, Municipal Council, Bangalore City, to the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bangalore .

In continuation of my letter No. 2118 dated the 5th March 1915, I have the honor to intimate that at the request or the tannery authorities, I visited their premises a few days ago in company with the Health Officer and inspected the recent method of disposal of the refuse fluids. I examined specimens of water from the Vrishabavati stream between the tannery and Central distillery and found no traces of pollution of the water from admixture with the tannery refuse. The possibility of the land getting sodden and failing to satisfactorily purify the refuse liquid, in course of time, particularly in the rainy weather, will probably be a factor to be reckoned with, but probably thus far, the present method seems to have worked in a satisfactory manner and there has not been a repetition of the smells of the last few summers, in their entirety.

2. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that the tannery authorities may be permitted to continue the existing mode of disposal of their refuse until the same is found from further experience to be objectionable to public health.

Sd. K.P. Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President.

" C O P Y ".

For Honorary President.

No. S 672 / 1

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District.
Dated Bangalore, 24th April 1915.

From

M.Sreenivasamurti Esq.
Assistant Commissioner,
in charge Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore District

To

D.M.Narasinga Rao Esq., B.A., B.L ,
Offg.Secretary to the Government of H H.
the Maharaja of Mysore, Genl & Rev Depts

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 608 dated 9th April 1915 on the subject of the Mysore Tannery nuisance, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of letter No 3469 -- dated 15th April 1915 from the Honorary President, Bangalore City Municipality, for kind information of Government

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

M Sreenivasamurti

Assistant Commissioner,
in charge Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore District

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1914-15

From The Assistant Commissioner
in Charge of Bangalore District

To The Secretary to the Govt
Genl & Rev Depts
Bangalore

Dated 2nd April 1915
Despatched
Received
General No S 672.
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Enclosure No 1

Re nuisance Tannery nuisance
Submitting a copy of letter from
the Honry President Civil and Mi

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Enclosure 231-14-C

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Honorary President

Ramakrishnamurthy
H. Deputy Commissioner
"True Copy"

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Tel Address
At Bangalore & Mysore
MYSECON

No 2550
For copy of a letter with its enclosures

MYSORE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE,

Dated Bangalore, 8th May 1915

FROM

C S BALASUNDARAM IYER, ESQ, B A,
Secretary to the Mysore Economic Conference,
Bangalore

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao, Esq , B.A , B.L ,
Officiating Secretary to Government,
General and Revenue Departments,
B a n g a l o r e

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith for the consideration of Government copy of letter No 2205 dated 28th April 1915, with enclosures, from the Secretary, Industries and Commerce Committee, forwarding copy of resolution passed by the Committee at its meeting held on the 3rd April 1915, in regard to the contribution that the Mysore Tannery has been called upon to pay for the construction of a pipe line to convey the refuse of the Tannery, to the effect that Government be recommended to allow the factory to pay the balance of Rs 5,000 due from them as contribution for putting down the pipe line, in 5 annual instalments of Rs1,000 each.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C S Balasundaram Iyer

S e c r e t a r y

CLG.

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Copy of letter No 2305 dated 28th April 1915 from the Secretary, Industries and Commerce Committee, to the Secretary, Mysore Economic Conference.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of resolution passed by the Industries and Commerce Committee at their meeting on the 3rd April 1915 in regard to the contribution that the Tannery have been called upon to pay for the construction of a pipe line to convey the refuse of the Tannery as well as the Distillary on the Mysore road to a tank away from the raod The case for the Tannery is given in an elaborate resolution a printed copy of which is herewith forwarded As the Tannery in conclusion offer to pay Rs 5,000 in five annual instalments towards the cost of the pipe line, the Committee consider their prayer may be sympathetically considered by Government Another letter has this day been addressed to Government regarding the question of renewal of licences every year.

C S Balasundaramayya
Secretary

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Enclosure 231-14-8

Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth meeting ~~of~~ of the Industries and Commerce Committee held at the Bedford House, Bangalore, on the 3rd April 1915.

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THE MYSORE TANNERY -------

The Proceedings of the Directors of the Tannery stating that the renewal of the yearly licenses was causing the unnecessary trouble were considered at the meeting and it was

RESOLUTION II & III resolved that the provision for taking out yearly licenses was too drastic and should not be sanctioned It was further resolved that Government might be recommended to allow the factory to pay the balance of Rs 5,000/- due from them as contribution for putting down the pipe line for conveying the Tannery refuse, in five annual instalments of Rs 1,000 each

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C Rangamannar Rao Secretary

Secretary, Industries and Commerce Committee

CONFIDENTIAL

Extracts from the proceedings of the Meeting of the Directors of the Mysore Tannery Ltd Bangalore City held on 21st March 1915

PRESENT

V RANGASAWMY IYENGAR ESQ, *Chairman*
V L BISHTOPANTH BADAMI ESQ
M RAMACHANDRA RAO SINDIA ESQ
K R SESHA IYENGAR ESQ, B A, B L
C S DORASWAMY IYER ESQ, B A B L, *Hon Secretary*

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RESOLUTION III

Read again —Letter of the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore, to the Superintendent, Mysore Tannery Ld, dated 12 5-1914

Letter to the Deputy Commissioner from the Superintendent dated 29 6-1914 also subsequent correspondence relating thereto

Read —Notice of the Deputy Commissioner dated 11 3-1915 to the Manager of the Tannery

1 The correspondence on the subject of the alleged Tannery nuisance has hitherto been conducted by the Superintendent on behalf of the Tannery In view of the vastness of the issues involved and the menacing attitude of the local authorities towards the concern the time has arrived for the Directors themselves to take up the matter on hand review the situation in its main aspects and adopt the necessary steps for adequate and timely safe guarding of the interests of the Tannery

2 Even long before the Tannery was established the inhabitants in the vicinity of the Distillery and the passengers along the Mysore Road were complaining of the stink from the Distillery effluent. The villagers had made representations on the subject to the local authorities and complained that the water in the stream was polluted by the effluent and rendered noxi ous In pursuance of their representations a scheme was before the authori ties to deal with the Distillery effluent.

3 In 1908 the Tannery was established on the present site with the knowledge and permission of the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore The public then hailed the industry as the first of its kind in this country and as well calculated to improve the leather industry of the State The Directors and the Honorary Secretary agreed to serve the Company gratis without any idea of self gain, until such time as the Company was able to set apart out of its net earnings the funds required for the remuneration of the management Even today though the Company has been in existence for more than seven years the original unselfish motive which prompted the Office bearers to render honorary service is continued, and the amount which should legitimately go to them is added to the dividend and made available to the general body of shareholders The usual formation expenses the

general allotment of paid up shares to the promoters by way of compensation for their trouble the Company was spared All the money that, by adoption of this procedure was saved was utilised either for the capital expenditure or for working expenses The same spirit of unselfishness permeated the general staff so much so that fired by the enthusiasm and zeal exhibited by all in the single purpose of establishing the industry on a solid basis and to make Mysore a model for other places to copy and profit thereby, our experts accepted at great personal sacrifice and of future prospects low remuneration quite disproportionate to the price at which their services should be reckoned The Dewan of Mysore formally opened the Tannery in 1909 Their Highnesses the Maharaja and the Yuvaraja graciously visited it and encouraged us by their approbation of our methods The present Dewan evinced great solicitude in the welfare of the concern and has from time to time given to it suggestions and advice of great value The Excise Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner then took a lively interest in the concern and at their suggestion the Tannery made arrangements to discharge its sewage into the Distillery effluent by long line of pipes involving an outlay of over Rs 3000/-

4 As was to be expected a novel industry of this kind has had several initial difficulties to contend against The financial embarassment caused by the death of Mr Maigundadeva Mudaliar the main prop of the concern, was overcome by the timely assistance of His Highness Government which had just then inaugurated its benevolent policy for the industrial regeneration of the State The large number of shares taken by the Government gave an impetus to the Tannery and enhanced its credit with the result that it has been found possible to considerably expand the business The output which was Rs 70 655 in value in 1911 before the Government s assistance rose to Rs 1 07 404 in 1912 Rs 1 82 066 in 1913 and Rs 1 89 572 in 1914 The superior quality of our manufacture has received general recognition and the unique position of the Mysore country in this respect has become a matter of common knowledge in other parts of India

5 The Tannery had its workshop first in the Tannery premises As skilled labour was not locally procurable we brought down from Madras gradually about 200 chucklers giving them large advances and railway fare and provided them with accommodation in the Tannery premises With them we associated the local chucklers After some three months Madras chucklers began to desert gradually and the local chucklers followed suit Besides the heavy loss entailed in the irrecoverable advances and railway fares we were faced with an insoluble labour difficulty It was at this juncture that the workshop was removed to Madras a workshop was necessary as an outlet for our leather which had not then attained the reputation it has since won as regards its quality

With the immense labour readily procurable in Madras the workshop was easily worked at a profit in spite of the inconvenience and cost of transport and supervision The Government having desired that the workshop of the Mysore Tannery should be located in the Mysore Territory itself we transferred the Factory to Bangalore at great expense We tried our best to select a suitable place within the City limits as it would be advantageous to have the Factory and the Tannery close to each other and as the supervising staff were all living in the City but our efforts were in va n as no suitable building could be got at We were reluctantly compelled by force of circumstances to locate the Factory in the Cantonment

The Factory was equipped with Boot making Machinery at a cost of Rs. 18,000/- and it began its work in the beginning of 1914 The method of work was unfamiliar to professional chucklers and they all struck work in a body in March 1914 The Brahmins and a few high caste men were then put on to chuckler s work and with these the Factory was worked for about a month Then other caste men came in for work and they were taken in and trained In about two months the labourers in the Factory were all caste people The strike was thus broken The chucklers then began to drop in afterwards These were also taken in At present there are more caste people than professional chucklers as labourers in the Fac tory The Directors take this opportunity of placing on record their high appreciation of the resourcefulness of the Superintendent Mr N S Thiru venkatachari M A and of the singular devotion and co operation of his staff in overcoming this trying situation in this extraordinary manner and in thus demonstrating the dignity of labour

The transfer of the Factory the strike the training of men and the adoption of other measures considerably retarded the business of the Fac tory and resulted in a heavy loss of some Rs 20 000/- in this branch of the business The better class of labour now at work and the readjustment of the business have already produced a good effect on the financial side and it will not be long before the Factory yields as substantial profits as the Tannery itself now does

6 The business in the Tannery is steadily increasing The establish ment was during the past five months working night and day to meet the growing demand. The capacity of the existing plant having been found inadequate the staff were obliged to work at nights as stated above To relieve the pressure additional Machinery has been ordered and these are to be run by Electric power which will be installed shortly In view of this expansion of business on proper lines the Madras Bank who from the begin ning of the concern in 1908 has been our Bankers is giving us necessary financial facilitie on the general credit of the concern The Tannery has ever since its commencement of work been declaring dividends to it Share holders and all dividends except those declared last year have been paid off this last will become payable during the current year In spite of the general depression in trade on account of the War and the disadvantages indicated above resulting from the transfer of the Factory from Madras the Tannery is now in the satisfactory po ition of having worked at a profit during the past year

7 It would thus appear that the confidence of the Mysore Government in the stability and prospects of the Tannery is fully justified by events and the Company is much beholden to the Industrial Committee of the Economic Conference for its strong advocacy of the State co operation in the operations of the Tannery and to the Government for its acceptance of the recommen dation of the Committee

8 While matters have so far progressed in the business of the concern the Bangalore District Authorities are taking a menacing attitude to virtu al ly destroy the Tannery on grounds which seem to be quite unreason able

In May 1914 the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore (Mr Chandy) wrote to the Superintendent stating that the refuse water from the Tannery was polluting the nulla water and contaminating the atmosphere that a pressure filter should be put up to abate the nuisance and that unless the nuisance was abated action would be t ken under Chapter 10 or Section 144

of the Criminal Procedure Code The Superintendent called on the Deputy Commissioner and explained to him personally and in writing that the Tannery effluents caused no nuisance and that the bad smell in the extensions of Chamarajpet and Shankarpur was the result of exudations from the saccharine waste liquors of the Government Distillery stagnant in the nulla close by The Sanitary Commissioner, the Director of Industries and the Government Bacteriologist and other Officers inspected the locality, and as their reports are not available to us, we are not in a position to know their views or offer any explanation regarding the points touched by them The Chemical examinations conducted at our instance and the method of treatment of tannery effluents adopted in enlightened parts of the world afford, however, no foundation for regarding the tannery effluents as a nuisance of the kind to be dealt with against the owners under the repressive provisions of the Penal Law

In the first place, when once a Tannery is established with the knowledge and sanction of the responsible Government Officers, as in this case, it is the legitimate function of the public Authorities, as is the practice in other places, to make arrangements for the disposal of the effluents from and beyond the limits of the Tannery premises In the present instance, however, the Tannery has even gone the length of complying with the wishes of the local authorities in 1910 as to carry its effluent by a long line of pipes and discharging it at the spot then indicated by them It seems therefore unfair to hold the Tannery responsible for consequences arising from the arrangements carried out at the instance and with the sanction of the authorities or to call upon them to make revised arrangements of doubtful efficacy

Secondly there is no evidence of any value that the Tannery effluent is the cause of the bad smell in the extensions during the hot weather The noxious nature of the Distillery waste liquors was the subject of frequent complaints by the villagers during the past several years even before the Tannery was established and a scheme for dealing with that nuisance had long been engaging the attention of the authorities In places where there are only Distilleries such as Thachanallur, Nellikuppam &c, similar bad smell is emitted while in places where there are Tanneries alone, such as Kodambakam, Thandyarpet Perambur—suburbs of Madras - no such smell arises In the town of Madras itself the Government had established a Chrome Tannery and were running it for more than three years within the premises of School of Arts and there is still the Chrome Tannery of Mr Chambers, a bigger concern than the Mysore Tannery, working in the vicinity of Madras If these Tanneries are productive of nuisance such as that complained of here, they would not have been tolerated *Prima facie* therefore the suggestion that the Tannery effluent is a nuisance such as that depicted to be is merely an assumption begotten of the inherent prejudice of the people generally to things connected with skins and hides and quite unsupported by any evidence and opposed to facts noticeable elsewhere In order to set this theory of the Tannery nuisance at rest we ourselves requested the Deputy Commissioner in September last to appoint a Committee to go into the question and to fix the responsibility for the nuisance, and we then expressed our readiness to do anything that might be necessary should the enquiry show the need for further arrangements for dealing with the Tannery effluents

In the meantime the P W D had matured a scheme for dealing with the Government Distillery refuse water The Chief Engineer suggested on 27th September 1914 that if the Tannery was willing to participate in the

scheme it should contribute proportionate cost amounting to about Rs 8 000 but that should the Tannery be unwilling to do so it should make its own arrangements for the disposal of its waste water and not to allow it to flow into the stream as before As the Tannery felt that its waste fluid was in nocuous and that its financial position would not admit of any contribution being made towards the Government scheme it preferred to deal with its effluent by using it for irrigation of a Casuarina plantation A large plot of land was acquired for the purpose and thousands of Casuarina were planted and these plants are now thriving well The Government then ordered in its Proceedings No 19628/104139 D 17th November 1914 that under these cir cumstances the Distillery waste alone should be let into the projected tank and added that the Tannery refuse should not go into the stream as before

Since October 1914 the Tannery effluent ceased to flow into the stream and this fact was duly communicated to the Deputy Commissioner on 25th October 1914 Nevertheless that Officer thought it fit to issue a formal notice to the Manager of the Tannery under Section 143 Criminal Procedure Code on the 23rd November 1914 not to allow the waste water to flow into the stream or stagnate threatening him in default with prosecu tion under Section 291 of the Penal Code As the Tannery had already made proper arrangements for the disposal of its refuse it was considered unnecessary to pursue the matter further

9 On the 5th March 1915 the Deputy Commissioner communicated to the Tannery Manager for immediate compliance a copy of letter dated 22nd February 1915 from the Secretary to Government General and Revenue Department regarding the suggestion for contribution by the Tannery and asking him to inform the Tannery that it would not be allowed to derive any benefit from the Government scheme unless it paid its share and to take steps to prevent the discharge of the Tannery refuse into the stream and contamination of any kind from the Tannery This communication was followed up by another letter of the Deputy Commissioner of the 11th ins tant enclosing therein a letter from the Honorary President of the Bangalore City Municipality and threatening that unless steps were taken within a month to allay the nuisance satisfactorily action would be taken under Sec tion 143 C P C as already notified The Honorary President s letter which has given rise to this notice is in the following terms —

> I have the honor to bring to your notice a novel method of dispos ing of the offensive refuse waters from the Mysore Tannery adopted for the past few months which though not yet forming a grave nuisance to the residents of Bangalore City is bound to be come one within the next few months if permitted to continue Nearly 4 000 gallons of offensive fluid is daily collected in a shal low pit and baled out to the open where the Tannery Authorities have recently formed a casuarina plantation This liquid is used for irrigating the plants and the nuisance arising from this to the travellers along Mysore Road is very great and the old stench is again beginning to be felt at Chamarajapet especially that the wind has just been wearing round I request that suitable action may kindly be taken at an early date

The Honorary President is doubtless aware of several effective methods adopted in other parts of the world as to the disposal of Tannery effluents and from his vast experience he may perhaps be inclined to the view that our method is novel Anyway the novelty of the system does not render it any the less efficacious and a personal inspection of the locality